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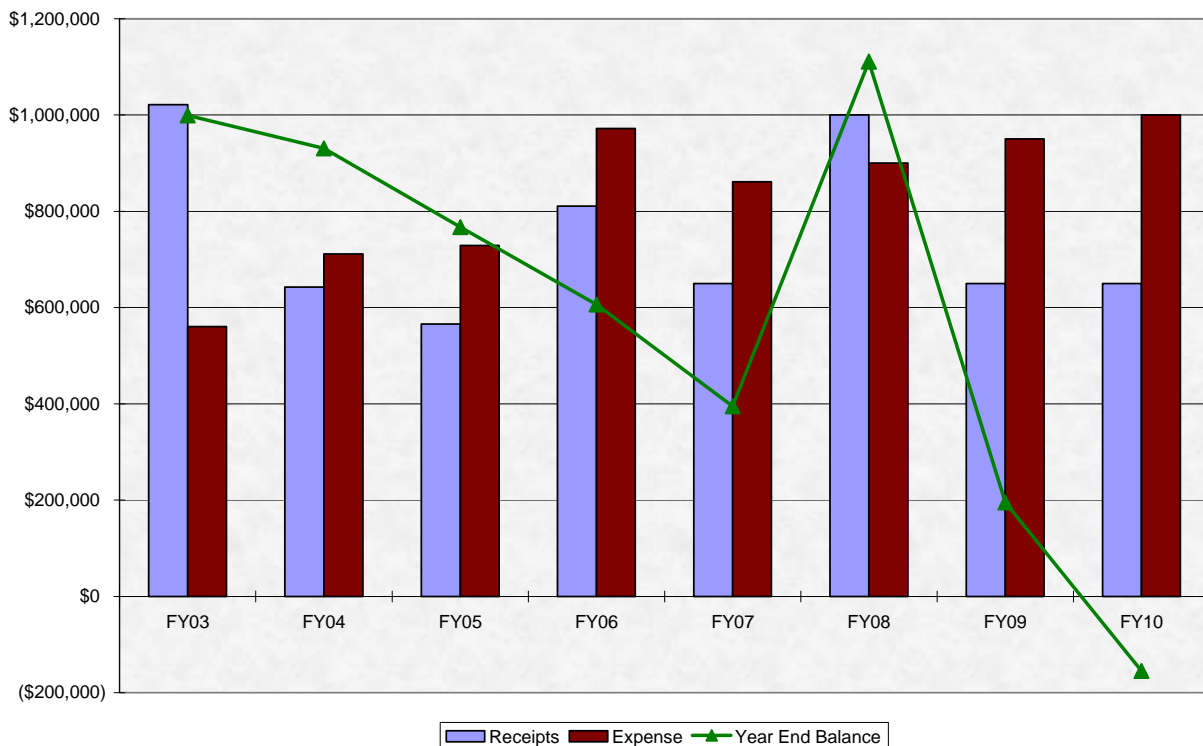
INFORMATION

TOPIC

Storm Water Fee Increase

The Commission will be asked to consider a storm water fee increase of approximately 15 percent in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008. The fee increase will result in an additional \$150,000 for the storm water fund for FY 08 and \$100,000 in future years. At the current expenditure rate, the storm water fund will result in a negative balance by 2010. Currently the department receives an average of 2,200 Notices of Intent (NOI) per year. Depending on the coverage provided by the general permits, the department will generate \$600,000 to \$800,000 a year in fees. In FY 2008 the storm water fund will have a five year income spike, which will generate an additional \$400,000 in revenue over previous years. From the graph below, you can see that the expenditures are currently outpacing receipts in every year except those years which include the five year spike in income.

Stormwater Fees (Receipts, Expenses and Year End Balance)



The current and proposed rate for the fee schedule follows:

Current Storm Water Fee		Proposed Schedule	
Annual Permit Fee	\$150	\$175	
Three-year Permit Fee	\$300		\$350
Four-year Permit Fee	\$450	\$525	
Five-year Permit Fee	\$600	\$700	

The storm water fee is used to support the development and administration of activities associated with the storm water program including permitting, program planning, site inspections, and complaint investigations.

The department will discuss this proposal with fee payers and other stakeholders and develop a NOIA after reaching some consensus on the increase and have sufficient support from stakeholders to implement the proposed increase.

Charles Corell, Bureau Chief
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